

**THE CABIN, DUFFTOWN
– EDUCATION SCOTLAND VISIT, SEPTEMBER 2018**

Authority commentary on the inspection report

During the inspection the team of inspectors talked to parents/carers, children and practitioners. They met with the Nursery Manager and Quality Improvement Officer at the beginning of the inspection and gathered evidence during the visit to enable them to evaluate aspects of the quality of leadership and children's achievements.

The team found the following areas of strengths in the setting's work;

- Children who are happy and enthusiastic and enjoy their time at The Cabin, and who are making good progress across their learning.
- The welcoming and nurturing environment where the dedicated team have established positive relationships and a strong sense of community with children and their families.
- The motivation of practitioners and the active parent's committee to continue to develop the service.

The following areas for improvement were identified by the Education Scotland team:

- Develop self-evaluation to ensure a more robust and rigorous approach to identify what is working well and what needs to improve. This will support the improvement planning process, facilitate well-judged decisions about priorities, and enable practitioners to evaluate the impact of their work more accurately.
- Continue to develop practitioners' understanding of child development and approaches to early learning and teaching. This will ensure all children experience appropriate depth and challenge in their learning.

The local authority will continue to monitor the school's progress with its quality processes and will report back to the Committee as appropriate.

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